



State of New Mexico

Rural Development Water and Environmental Programs



Committed to the future of rural communities.

Rural Development Water and Environmental Programs

- Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants
- Technical Assistance Programs
- Electric Programs
- Distance Learning / Telemedicine
- Broadband Loans and Loan Guarantees



**Torreon Rincon Marquez
Water Construction Project**

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Water and Waste Disposal (W&WD)
Loans and Grants



W&WD Loans and Grants

What projects are eligible?



Water Storage Facility

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Water Supply (Includes treatment)

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What projects are eligible?



Distribution System



Water Wells

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What expenses are eligible?

- Reasonable engineering / architectural fees and costs
- Acquiring land & rights-of-way
- Purchasing water rights
- Connecting the user to the main service line
- Purchase / renting of equipment
- Refinance debts

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Who can participate?

- Eligible participants include rural areas or towns with populations of less than 10,000
 - Municipality
 - County
 - Special Purpose District
 - Non-Profit Corporation or Cooperative
 - Federally-Recognized Indian Tribe

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How does it work?

- Eligible participant submits:
 - Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)
 - Preliminary Engineering Report
 - Environmental Information
 - Financial Statements
 - Organizational Documents

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Application assistance

- Predevelopment and Planning Grants
 - Available to assist in paying costs associated with developing the application
 - Preliminary Engineering Report
 - Environmental Report
 - In order to be eligible, the community's Median Household Income (MHI) must be less than \$31,526
 - The grant can be for up to \$15,000 or 75% of the cost (whichever is less)

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Technical Assistance and Training Grants

- Eligible uses:
 - Identify and evaluate solutions to water and waste disposal problems in rural areas
 - Assist applicants in preparing applications for water and waste grants made at the State level offices
 - Improve operation and maintenance of existing water and waste disposal facilities in rural areas
- Application period:
 - October 1 to December 31



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How does it work?

- USDA Rural Development:
 - Reviews the completed application package
 - Offers a loan / grant package
- If the applicant accepts, USDA Rural Development issues a Letter of Conditions and obligates (reserves) the funds
 - The applicant has 180 days to meet the conditions



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Loan terms

- Interest Rates
 - 4.5%-4.625%
- Security Options
 - Accounts receivable
 - GO or Revenue Bonds
 - Lodgers' Tax
 - Contracts
 - Mortgage on the organization's facilities

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Loan terms

- Repayment Terms
 - Loan only
 - Useful life of the facility, or
 - Up to 40 years
 - Grant / loan combination
 - 40 years
 - In an exceptional case, we can shorten the repayment period

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PIPELINE THRILLS COMMUNITY



Running water is the big new thing in Rincon Marquez, southwest of Torreon, where residents celebrated with an arching spray from their water line's clean-out valve.

ROBERTO E. ROSALES/JOURNAL

Finally, Water

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Special Funding Initiatives

- Colonias
- Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants
- Native American

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Colonias Earmark

- To qualify, a Colonia must be located in a county where over 50% of the county is within 150 of the Mexican border
 - Dona Ana
 - Catron
 - Luna
 - Eddy
 - Grant
 - Otero
 - Hidalgo
 - Sierra
- USDA Rural Development can offer 100% grant
 - Colonia must take a loan if it can afford it



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Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant

- Congress has set aside money for the following emergencies:
 - Communities may receive a grant of up to \$500,000 when:
 - There has been a significant decline in quantity or quality of water, and
 - The decline occurred within two years of filing the application
 - Communities with an existing system who have an acute shortage or decline in water quality may receive a grant of up to \$75,000 for:
 - Repairs
 - Partial replacement
 - Significant maintenance

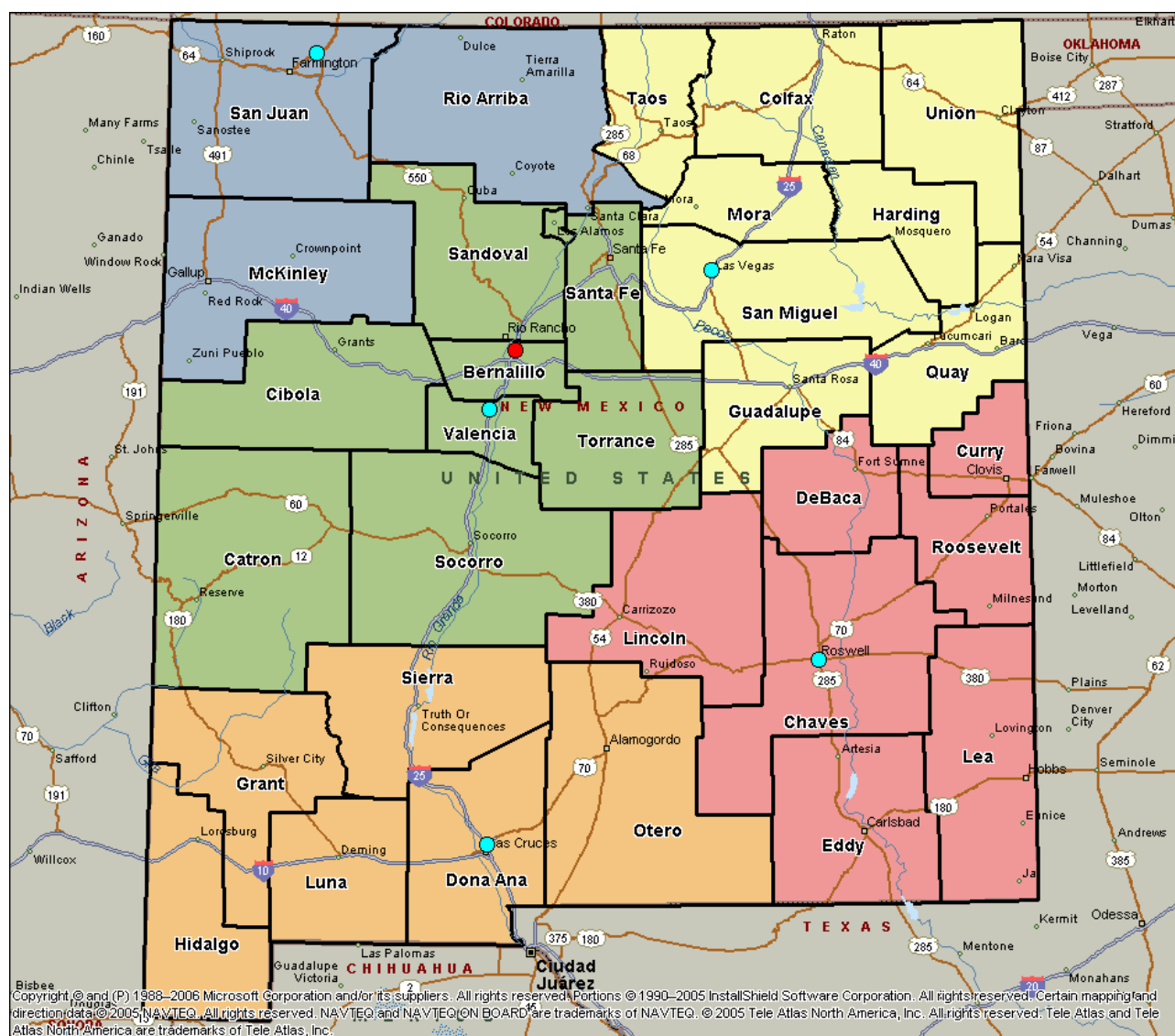


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Native American Earmark

- Congress has set aside money for projects on Tribal lands
- The project must serve a Federally-Recognized Indian Tribe
 - The Tribal project is eligible to receive 100% grant, up to \$1 million
- There is no state allocation so projects must compete with applications from other states

RD Offices



RD Offices

- Las Cruces – 575-522-8775 x4
 - Hidalgo
 - Grant
 - Luna
 - Sierra
 - Dona Ana
 - Otero
- Carlsbad – 575-887-3506 x4
 - Eddy
 - Lea
 - Chaves
 - Roosevelt
 - Lincoln
 - De Baca
 - Curry
- Aztec – 505-334-3090 x4
 - Rio Arriba
 - McKinley
 - San Juan
- Los Lunas – 505-865-4643 x4
 - Catron
 - Socorro
 - Torrance
 - Valencia
 - Cibola
 - Bernalillo
 - Santa Fe
 - Sandoval
 - Los Alamos
- Las Vegas – 505-425-3594 x4
 - Taos
 - Colfax
 - Union
 - Mora
 - Harding
 - San Miguel
 - Guadalupe
 - Quay



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